

**NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL MUSEUM
CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE**

- 1920 Negro Leagues established in YMCA at 1824 Paseo.
- 1971 YMCA closed and abandoned
- 1990 Museum founded in small room with no financial support, just a dream.
- 2000 Initial study done on taking YMCA and turning into part of the NLBM.
- Fall, 2004 Architects and contractors hired; budgets created, and initial fundraising plans begun. Initial construction to start summer, 2005.
- Summer, 2005 EPA grant awarded for cleaning up pigeon waste, asbestos, and possible underground fuel tank. Construction delayed for lack of construction funding.
- November, 2005 Grant money provided; abatement work begins soon after. No architects would enter the building until pigeon waste is eliminated. Architects first enter building in early 2006 and are able to begin actual construction drawings.
- Fundraising dilemma surfaces. Money being raised is all targeted toward programs, not construction. With no construction money available request is made to EPA to extend grant. Abatement for the two primary elements left to abate, asbestos in the roof and window mullions, cannot proceed until building construction. NLBM must replace roof at the time of abatement. A new roof is tied to overall construction schedule.
- By summer 2006 it becomes apparent construction funding will not be available in 2006 and 2007. New target is spring 2008. Request for new